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NGA-2018-APP-00002

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RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) **NGA-2018-APP-00002**; Knight First Amendment Institute, et al. v. CIA, et al., Civil Action No. 18-1129 (EGS)

Dear Ms. Krishnan:

This letter is in response to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal request, submitted to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) dated 16 February 2018 in which the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University and the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, appealed; NGAs no record response to your request (**NGA-2018-FOI-00017**).

Your appeal justification: "It implausible that NGA possesses no records responsive to the request. "NGA Instruction 5720.1: Clearance for Public Release," dated May 12, 2015, sets out standards and procedures that apply to the prepublication review of "NGA information. "Among other things, it establishes that:

1. NGA employees have prepublication review obligations;
2. NGA's Office of Corporate Communications ("OCC") is responsible for making prepublication review determinations;
3. Adverse prepublication review determinations may be administratively appealed.

Given that NGA has an established process for prepublication review and appeals of review decisions, NGA's response to the request is not credible. In light of the role of OCC in NGA's prepublication review process, we also seek assurance that you have searched OCC for responsive records."

This letter constitutes a **"no record"** determination under the FOIA. Our extensive search of National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency records failed to identify any documents in our files that are responsive to your request.

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Additionally, NGA uses standard NDA forms 312 (rev7-2013) and 4414 (rev12-2013) both of which are publicly available.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact Tiffany Richardson, FOIA Specialist or Charles Melton, FOIA/PA Program Manager at (571) 557-4141 or via email at FOIANGA@nga.mil.

Additionally, the NGA FOIA public liaison (571) 557-7729 is available to you for any concerns or disputes you may have related to your FOIA request. You may also seek information and resolution regarding your request through the Office of Government Information Services at (202) 741-5770 or via email at ogis@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Charles R. Melton', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Charles R. Melton
NGA FOIA/PA Program Manager